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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PASTOR of Arizona).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 9, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PASTOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Great are Your judgements, Lord our God. Beyond all description are the ways You lead Your people. Your mercy extends from one generation to the next.

In every age You have exalted Your people and made them glorious, as long as they were attentive to Your Word. You created a road through the sea and opened a path through the desolate land to lead Your people to the awareness of lasting freedom.

Be with this Congress and this government of the people and for Your people. In our day lead this Nation to a new and glorious day.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs.

MALONEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MALONEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

(Ms. CHU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, John Adams once said, "Facts are stubborn things, and whatever may be our wishes . . . they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence."

Well, when it comes to the economy, the facts are on our side. It's a fact that Bush's economic policies created the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. It's a fact that Republicans produced a recession with nearly 800,000 job losses each month and almost doubled our national debt. It's a fact that 8 years of tax cuts for the rich and trickle-down economics only left the American people hosed.

And it's a fact that this Congress ended those flawed policies and enacted tax cuts for working-class families and small businesses across America. Democrats created nearly 200,000 jobs a month this year, cut over \$800 billion in taxes, and we're about to cut almost \$300 billion more.

Democrats are rebuilding consumer demand, creating new jobs, and getting our economy back on track. And that's a fact, no matter how stubborn the minority wants to be.

THE NEED TO PRODUCE A BUDGET

(Mr. CHAFFETZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, with all due respect to the gentlewoman who just stood here, the fact remains the Democrats are not introducing a budget. One of the fundamental principle things that this Congress should do is introduce a budget. This Congress should be embarrassed that they haven't introduced a budget that we can debate and discuss. It's one of the things that's lacking in this so-called leadership here.

They may want to talk about Bush, but the reality is the Democrats have the House and Senate and the Presidency, and they owe it to the American people, they owe it to this institution to produce a budget so that we can debate and discuss it in the United States Congress. It's one of the fundamental things we should do.

This Congress should be embarrassed that it has yet to produce a budget.

HEALTH OF OIL SPILL CLEANUP WORKERS

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, the BP oil spill has caused a great emergency along our gulf coast. I hope as the response to it continues, we never forget the lessons of the Ground Zero workers.

In the wake of 9/11, thousands of men and women labored tirelessly. Driven by a sense of urgent purpose, safety precautions were not taken and assurances were given that proved to be false. The health of far too many of those who worked on that toxic pile, they suffered long-term health consequences.

Now, in the gulf, men and women are once again being exposed to a toxic sea

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